

At this point of the proceedings the President introduced to the convention Miss Simpson, who arrived a few days ago for a much needed rest.

The report of the Prayer Union was read in Miss Clomeshaw's absence by Miss Buchan. The Union organized two years ago, has now 431 members, 33 of whom were added during the last year. It was suggested that the Union pledge be printed on a card as a reminder and encouragement, and that subjects for prayer be announced from time to time in THE LINK.

On motion the report was adopted.

The Band Report was then given by Mrs. C. T. Stark, the retiring secretary. This report is also given in full in this number of THE LINK.

The afternoon prayer service opened with singing "Praise Him, praise Him, Jesus our blessed Redeemer." Topic of the service was the "Work of the coming year." Mrs. John Harris, the leader, then read "Promises for the workers."

The afternoon meeting rallied to the sound of "How sweet the name of Jesus sounds." After prayer by Mrs. Grigg, the minutes of the morning meeting were read and approved.

The report of the Nominating Committee was presented. The following officers were elected by acclamation — President, Mrs. Booker, Woodstock; 1st Vice President, Mr. Freeland, Toronto; 2nd Vice President, Mrs. W. Davies, St. Toronto.

The following members of the Board were elected on motion, without ballot: Mrs. C. T. Stark, Toronto; Mrs. S. Dudson, Paris; Mrs. Forbes, Grimsby; Mrs. A. P. McDiarmid, Toronto; Mrs. W. J. McKay, Stratford.

Mrs. Banton favored the Convention with a solo.

Greetings were received from the following sister societies:

1. McColl Mission Association.
2. Congregational Women's Board of Missions.
3. Executive Board of Women's Board of Missions of Maritime Provinces.
4. Women's Board of Eastern Ontario.
5. China Inland Mission.
6. Presbyterian Society of Women.
7. Women's Society of Methodist Church of Canada.

Mrs. Porter was appointed to represent this Convention at the meeting of the women of the Maritime Provinces, in August.

Mrs. J. C. Holman spoke on the True Motive of Foreign Missions. She said the day of romance was past, and now the moving motive for such work was obedience to God's command, rendered by a loving, willing heart. Obedience is of the Spirit, and whether we go or whether we stay at home, the obedient life is the one blessed life of God. Obedience costs us dear, but disobedience yet more dearly. The joy of communion which follows the

sacrifice of our personal wills. "To obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams."

The Corresponding Secretary read a long and interesting report on the work done on the various fields in India. This will be found on another page.

Reports received and adopted.

Mrs. Craig gave in some detail the work the missionary's wife is called upon to perform. She has to be mistress of the household, housekeeper, sewing woman, mother, overseer of schools, steward for the schools, book-keeper, Sunday school superintendent and teacher, prayer-meeting leader, preacher in some cases, doctor, letter-writer, general peace-maker, and during the missionary's absence, assistant missionary.

The position is onerous but honorable.

The Committee on Resolutions reported a resolution of thanks to the Street Car Company for their courtesy. A vote of thanks to the ladies of Galt for their hospitality.

A resolution of sympathy with the work of the W. C. T. U., and a resolution expressive of appreciation of the work of the late members of the Society, Mrs. Yule and Miss Nellie Davies; also, one of gratitude that we have with us in Convention a number of returned missionaries.

These resolutions were unanimously adopted by the Convention.

While the collection was being taken Miss Eberly favored the Convention with a vocal solo, which was fully appreciated.

This Convention then adjourned to meet at 8 p.m.

The house was crowded in the evening. After the opening exercises, Mr. Craig, returned missionary, sang a Telugu song. Mr. Davin, returned missionary, gave a very interesting and instructive address. He did not attempt to entertain with stories so much as to instruct. Many facts given were quite new to the audience, and ought to do much good when taken home to the circles by the delegates.

MISS M. D. EBY,  
Secretary of Convention.

Rev. J. H. HORSBURN wrote from Mien-choo at the end of April that Mr. W. Knippe had accompanied the traveller Mrs. Bishop on an itinerating tour westward, towards Tibet. On the advice and recommendation of Bishop Cassels, Mr. Simmonds, who went out independently to Si-chuan in 1891, has been accepted as a missionary of the C. M. S.

There are 15 publications in Japan devoted to the interests of women. Of these, three are Christian.



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